

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) A camera which can store data of a taken image in a memory and can output the stored image data to an external apparatus, said camera comprising:

a connector for attaching a detachably attachable connection device thereto;
~~a detector for detecting an attachment condition between said connection device and said connector as to whether or not said any connection device is attached to said connector; and~~

a controller for transitioning the camera into a state in order to output image data through said connector and said connection device when said detector detects that said connection device is attached to said connector.

12. (Original) A camera as claimed in claim 11, wherein said external apparatus is a personal computer.

13. (Original) A camera as claimed in claim 11, wherein said external apparatus is a printer.

14. (Original) A camera as claimed in claim 11, wherein said external apparatus is a storage apparatus.

15. (Original) A camera as claimed in claim 11, wherein said connection device is a connection cable.

16. (Currently Amended) A camera system which can store image data of a taken image in a memory and output stored image data to an external apparatus, said camera system comprising:

a connector for attaching a detachably attachable connection device thereto; and
~~a detector for detecting an attachment condition between said connection device and said connector as to whether or not said any connection device is attached to said connector, whereby, when said detector detects that said any connection device is attached to said connector, the camera system is transitioned into a state in order to output stored image data to the external apparatus.~~

17. (Previously Presented) A camera system as claimed in claim 16, wherein said connection device is a connection cable.

18. (Previously Presented) A camera system as claimed in claim 16, wherein said external apparatus is a printer, and ~~wherein when said detector detects that said connection device is attached to said connector, the condition of the camera system, which is responsive to an output of said detector, permits stored image data to be outputted to the printer through the connector and the connection device.~~

19. (Previously Presented) A camera system as claimed in claim 16, wherein said external apparatus is a storage apparatus, and wherein when said detector detects that said connection device is attached to said connector, the condition of the camera system, which is responsive to an output of said detector, permits stored image data to be outputted to the storage apparatus through the connector and the connection device.

20. (Previously Presented) A camera system as claimed in claim 16, wherein said external apparatus is a personal computer, and when said detector detects that said connection device is attached to said connector, the condition of the camera system, which is responsive to an output of said detector, permits stored image data to be outputted to the personal computer through the connector and the connection device.

21. (Previously Presented) A camera system as claimed in claim 16, wherein when said detector detects that said connection device is not attached to said connector, a condition of the camera system, which is responsive to an output of said detector, inhibits outputting of stored image data to the external apparatus through the connector.

22. (Previously Presented) A camera system as claimed in claim 16, wherein said memory is part of a memory card which is removably insertable into said camera system.

23. (New) A camera which can store data of a taken image in a memory and can output the image data to a printer, said camera comprising:

a connector for outputting therethrough image data to be printed by said printer;
a detector for detecting a condition as to whether or not an image can be printed by said printer, said image is based on the image data outputted via the connector; and
a controller for transitioning the camera into a state in order to output image data through said connector to said printer when said detector detects that the image can be printed by said printer.

24. (New) A camera as claimed in claim 23, wherein a connection cable is connected to the connector for transmitting the image data to said printer.

25. (New) A camera as claimed in claim 23, wherein when said detector detects that the image cannot be printed by said printer, the controller inhibits outputting of the image data to the printer through the connector.

26. (New) A camera as claimed in claim 23, wherein the camera includes an image taking mode for capturing image for storing the image data in the memory card, an image reproducing mode for reproducing the image based on the image data stored in the memory card, and an image printing mode in which the camera is in the state in order to output image data through said connector to said printer,

wherein said camera mode is automatically transitioned into the image printing

mode, irrespective of the previously set camera mode, when said detector detects that the image can be printed by said printer.

27. (New) A camera which can store data of a taken image in a memory and can output the image data to a printer, said camera comprising:

a connector for outputting therethrough image data to be printed by said printer;
a detector for detecting a condition as to whether or not image data to be outputted via the connector can be received by said printer for printing; and
a controller for transitioning the camera into a state in order to output image data through said connector to said printer when said detector detects that the image data to be outputted via the connector can be received by said printer.

28. (New) A camera as claimed in claim 27, wherein a connection cable is connected to the connector for transmitting the image data to said printer.

29. (New) A camera as claimed in claim 27, wherein when said detector detects that said printer cannot receive the image data, the controller inhibits outputting of the image data to the printer through the connector.

30. (New) A camera as claimed in claim 27, wherein the camera includes an image taking mode for capturing image for storing the image data in the memory card, an image reproducing mode for reproducing the image based on the image data stored in the memory card, and an image printing mode in which the camera is in the state in order to output image data through said connector to said printer,

wherein said camera mode is automatically transitioned into the image printing mode, irrespective of the previously set camera mode, when said detector detects that the image data to be outputted via the connector can be received by said printer.